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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: NEXT STEPS

REF: A) STATE 226445, B) PRETORIA 5274

1. THE CONTACT GROUP MET PM SEPTEMBER 7 TO CONSIDER
NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA IN LIGHT OF THE DEPARTURE THE
PREVIOUS NIGHT OF SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN MINISTER
BOTH A AND BRAND FOURIE. THE GROUP AGREED THAT OUR
CHANCES OF ACHIEVING A FINAL SETTLEMENT WOULD BE
ENHANCED IF WE COULD PROVIDE THE SOUTH AFRICANS WITH
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THE MOST SUBSTANTIVE POSSIBLE MEANS OF BACKING AWAY
FROM THEIR OBJECTIONS TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S
REPORT. WE RAISED THE IDEA (PROPOSED REFS A AND B)
OF A LETTER FROM WALDHEIM TO BOTH A RESPONDING TO
SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCERNS. IN ADDITION TO
VARIATION OF THE IDEAS CITED REFTELS, PROPOSAL WOULD USE
THE VEHICLE OF RESPONSE TO BOTH A TO ADDRESS THE

FULL RANGE OF MAJOR ISSUES RAISED BY ALL THE PARTIES.
THE GROUP WAS INTRIGUED BY THE IDEA AND FELT THAT A
STATEMENT BY WALDHEIM OF THAT NATURE MIGHT WELL BE
WHAT WAS NEEDED. ALL FELT THAT THE LETTER SHOULD BE
WRITTEN WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE MADE
PUBLIC (IN BOTHA'S TRADITION) IMMEDIATELY UPON DELIVERY.

2. A QUESTION WAS RAISED AS TO WHETHER AFRICANS AND
SWAPO WOULD BE OFFENDED BY THE FACT THAT WALDHEIM'S
VIEWS ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES WERE BEING MADE KNOWN
IN A LETTER TO BOTHA. THE SUGGESTION WAS MADE THAT
THE LETTER MIGHT MORE APPROPRIATELY BE SENT TO THE
SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT. TWO PROCEDURAL ALTERNATIVES
WERE THEN CONSIDERED: (A) THE LETTER COULD BE SENT TO
BOTHA AND THAT PORTION OF IT DEALING WITH AFRICAN
CONCERNS (PRINCIPALLY REGISTRATION) COULD BE SENT
SIMULTANEOUSLY TO SWAPO AND THE SECURITY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT; OR (B) THE LETTER COULD BE ADDRESSED TO
THE SC PRESIDENT WITH COPIES SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO
BOTHA AND SWAPO. THE GROUP TOOK NO DECISION ON THIS
PROCEDURAL QUESTION, BUT AGREED THAT A DRAFT LETTER
SHOULD BE WRITTEN IMMEDIATELY. THE GROUP WILL MEET
TO CONSIDER THE DRAFT AM SEPTEMBER 8 AND WILL
RECONSIDER THE PROCEDURAL QUESTION THEN.

3. AT WALDHEIM'S REQUEST THE FIVE HAD PREVIOUSLY
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ARRANGED TO MEET WITH WALDHEIM TOMORROW AFTERNOON.
WE HOPE TO SOLICIT HIS VIEWS WITH A DRAFT. OUR HOPE
IS THAT THE LETTER COULD BE MADE PUBLIC ON SATURDAY
IN TIME TO MAKE THE SUNDAY PAPERS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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